

CLAIMS

The invention is hereby claimed as follows:

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1. A gaming device comprising:
a component cabinet;
a display cabinet removably connected to said component
cabinet; and
side panels removably connected to opposite sides of said
10 component cabinet and said display cabinet.
 2. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein each side panel
includes a substrate and a decorative layer connected to the substrate.
 - 15 *Sub* 3. The gaming device of Claim 2, wherein the substrate is a
relatively thin strong material.
 4. The gaming device of Claim 3, wherein the substrate is a
metal.
 5. The gaming device of Claim 4, wherein the substrate is
aluminum.

6. The gaming device of Claim 2, wherein the decorative layer includes a laminate applied to an outside surface of the substrate.

7. The gaming device of Claim 6, wherein the laminate is in a spray form.

8. The gaming device of Claim 6, wherein the laminate is in a sheet form.

9. The gaming device of Claim 6, wherein the laminate is applied as a continuous sheet.

10. The gaming device of Claim 6, wherein the laminate is applied as a plurality of sheets.

11. The gaming device of Claim 2, which includes an adhesive connecting the decorative layer to the substrate.

12. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the side panels are removably connected to the cabinets by a removable connecting mechanism.

13. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a back panel removably connected to the cabinets.

14. A side panel for use with a gaming device having at least one cabinet, said side panel comprising:

a thin strong substrate removably connected to said cabinet;

and

a laminate connected to the substrate.

15. The side panel of Claim 14, wherein the substrate is metal.

16. The side panel of Claim 15, wherein the substrate aluminum.

17. The side panel of Claim 16, wherein the laminate is in a powdered form.

18. The side panel of Claim 16, wherein the laminate is in a sheet form.

19. The side panel of Claim 16, wherein the laminate is applied as a continuous sheet.

20. The side panel of Claim 16, wherein the laminate is applied as a plurality of sheets.

21. The side panel of Claim 14, which includes an adhesive connecting the laminate to the substrate.

22. The side panel of Claim 14, wherein the side panel is removably connected to the cabinet by a removable connecting mechanism.

23. A gaming device comprising:
a component cabinet; and
a plurality of differently sized display cabinets adapted to be removably connected to said component cabinet and adapted to be used with a plurality of differently sized display devices.

24. The gaming device of Claim 23, wherein the component and display cabinets are made of rolled steel.

25. The gaming device of Claim 23, wherein the components of the gaming device except the display device are adapted to be connected to or stored in the component display.

Sub E 26. The gaming device of Claim 25, wherein said components include a bill acceptor, a coin acceptor, a keypad, a card reader, a ticket printer and a coin hopper.

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27. The gaming device of Claim 23, which includes a locking mechanism removably connecting one of the display cabinets to the component cabinet.

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28. The gaming device of Claim 23, which includes laminate side panels connected to opposite sides of one of the display cabinets and the component cabinet.

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Sub E 29. The gaming device of Claim 23, which includes a door pivotally connected to the component cabinet.

30. The gaming device of Claim 23, which includes a monitor cover removably connected to the display cabinet.

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31. The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein the monitor cover includes a frame and at least one mask connected to the frame.

32. The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein the monitor cover includes a frame and two masks connected to the frame.

5 33. A method of assembling a gaming device, said method comprising:

(a) removably connecting a display cabinet to a component cabinet;

(b) removably connecting side panels to opposite sides of the display and component cabinets;

10 (c) inserting a display in the display cabinet; and

(d) attaching gaming device components to the component cabinet.

15 34. The method of Claim 33, which includes applying a laminate to a substrate of each side panel.

35. A method of changing a gaming scheme associated with a gaming device, said method comprising:

(a) removing a monitor cover removably connected to a display cabinet;

5 (b) removing side panels removably connected to said display cabinet and a component cabinet;

(c) connecting different side panels to said display cabinet and said component cabinet; and

10 (d) connecting a different monitor cover to the display cabinet.

36. The method of Claim 35, which includes removing the display and inserting a new display into the display cabinet.

15 37. The method of Claim 35, which includes replacing the display cabinet.